(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for giving it parity with the IT sector; and

(d) what would be the intended impact thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (d) This Ministry receives references seeking concessions and facilities for the entertainment sector from time to time. Such proposals are evaluated on merit and taken up with the Finance Ministry or any other concerned Ministry as warranted. The endeavour is to facilitate the entertainment sector to achieve its potential and promote growth in exports, so that this sector is able to increase its contribution towards generating income and employment in the country.

Cement cartel

2216. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that leading cement manufacturers in the country were accused of collusion for creating an artificial cement crisis and hike in the prices during 1999-2000;

(b) whether Government have investigated the cartel;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are also aware that cases of such cartel in cement sector existed in the country in the past also and are still pending for judgement; and

(f) if so, the details of the investigation done in the past and reasons for cases not being decided yet?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) to (d) The MRTP Commission, which is a quasi-judicial body, have received four complaints since 1999-2000 alleging formation of a cartel by Cement manufacturers which are presently under their consideration. Thus, the matters are *sub-judice* before the Commission.

(e) and (f) In the year 1990-1992, MRTPC had received four complaints. Two of these have been disposed off, while the other two are *sub-judice* with the Commission.